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Re.: **International Patent Application PCT/EP2004/008397**
De Nora Elettrodi S.p.A.
Your Ref.: 223

Dear Dr. Ramunni:

In the above-referenced application, the attached international preliminary examination report dated October 20, 2005 has been received.

We are pleased to note that novelty and inventive step are acknowledged for all claims filed with letter of October 10, 2005. Indeed, the Examiner finally was satisfied that the product-by-process claims 11 to 13 are novel and inventive.

Kindly let us have your instructions well before the due date for entering the EP regional phase (30 months term expiring on **January 28, 2006**).

Very truly yours,


(Wolfgang Thalhammer)

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Encl. (by mail only):

- International preliminary examination report dated October 20, 2005
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